

## WHAT IS KINDNESS

To Know Principles in the Abstract Is Good—To Know Them in the Concrete Is Better—Kindness Is Not an Impersonal Quality—Three Classes of People—We Must Come Down From the Back of the Animal We Ride—A New Year's Wish.

By W. T. Williams.

A little while since in these columns we defined greatness—usefulness. This is very much in keeping with the spirit of the hour because, unless we are badly mistaken, this age aims at being useful. This is its profound purpose. In this manner we have released the idea of greatness from the bondage of the abstract to the large and lively liberty of the concrete. We have brought it from the dark regions of death to the bright domains of life. We have put blood in its veins, making it personal rather than impersonal, and thereby giving it an opportunity to live on in health and produced by activity. This is the best kind of health, for it is absolutely in harmony with the appointments of our creation. We were made to act in a free world and in general our equipment is not faulty.

To know principles in the abstract is an advantage which should not be neglected, but to know them in the concrete is far better. To be able to place them against one another and play them as if they were so many checkers is amusing, but it is very much more profitable to all concerned if we can help somebody to feel their valuable worth. To arrange them systematically is a game of real merit, but it is exceedingly more beneficial if we are able to harness them strongly and induce them to draw the heavy and galling loads of life. To imbue them with love is the work of every man, and who will not concede that this is power? The amusement and the merit have given their room to that joy that the happy experiences of life cannot melt away. It clings to us owing to the simple fact that we have learned its secret.

We are ready now to ask what is kindness? This is what we want to know, and since we are creatures, for we are woe, who depend so much upon it, we are inclined to think that we ought to know. We are told that kindness is personal and extends to all sentient beings, whether men or animals, in prosperity or in distress. This is its nature. It cannot live with inanimate things. Vanish away it will in dull incoherence. It is a quality of beings to act upon before it can live. Showing itself it will not do, only to life, as it is known in men or animals. It is not interested in any other part of the creation. Its mantle is not large enough to cover anything else. Kindness then is active and personal, extending its wings over all men and animals in all conditions.

During our ramblings up and down the world we have come in contact with three classes of people. There might be more, but since we are human beings, working folk, without money, we look about, we think that all the people we have seen are only varied enough to make the number of classes mentioned. The first, the most common, passes us by on the other side. The second, after making a few inquiries does likewise. The third, without showing the faintest trace of cold heartedness, nor the slightest tendency to pry into our affairs, help us according to our needs. These are the classes that we have seen. The first is brutally cold, and the second is only interested in so far as we gratify its curiosity, but the third knows what it means to be a neighbor. This one possesses the one thing useful. It has that feeling that always bears fruit—that feeling that uplifts. To know how to be a neighbor is indeed a rare attainment. Small wonder that it has been called "divine" by so many. Perhaps it is the highest mark in human knowledge. This is taught from above, and no man can learn it only as he learns the Eternal Father.

Let us look again at the classes of people that we have seen. The first we have said is brutally cold. He knows a great deal, and he delights in reasoning the principles of knowledge. He is so fond of them that he writes them with capital letters, and it is not unusual for him to understand them, being afraid that the common reader shall miss their meaning. They are to him exceedingly dear. He seems ignorant and everybody ignorant. But, in the midst of all, he has not inquired at the shrine of friendliness. With all his knowledge he is ignorant himself of this—the most essential of all in a world like ours. The second is a trifle different. This one is somewhat interested in us. He stops long enough to ask a few questions. He wants to know our name; how our misfortune came to pass; where we live; and, as he resumes his steps, he may snap his kodak on us. He is curious, but not helpful. He pities us perchance, but he does not sympathize with us. He is not one of us, having no conception of brotherliness. One has recently said: "The men who look on like a crowd make a fair show in the flesh. They express themselves on occasion in such a way as to indicate that they are men of excellent sentiments and of fine feelings. They meet and organize, adopting constitutions and by-laws and appointing extensive committees. They hear addresses and discuss papers and eat big dinners in the cause of humanity. They are eager to vote for ringing resolutions on the subject both hands up. And then after going through all the motions and indulging in a lot of fruitless talk, they pass by, having accomplished nothing."

The third is entirely different to the former two. He might not be so inquisitive as the second; but he is more valuable to human society than both combined. He may not be able to express himself in high-sounding terms such as "philanthropic interest" or "altruistic efforts," but he knows, in the language of Dr. Peabody, that "friendship is a painstaking quality, a wise adaptation, a continuity of friendly service."

Therefore, it is in order to ask: What must we do to inherit the best mode of life that has been manifest in the world, even eternal life? This question has been asked repeatedly in all generations, and the answer to it is not a new one. It is the same as the one of old. We are to take time to be useful. We must come down from the back of the animal we ride and do according to our several ability. This is the only rule of which we are in need, especially at this time, the beginning of another year.

Did you realize before that the majority of mankind is riding? This is true, and in order for us to see the idea

## BEAL LAW ELECTION

Election Under Beal Law to be Held in Wauseon Friday January 15th.

The Question as to Whether Wauseon Shall Remain Dry Up to the Citizens.

Next week Friday the question as to whether or not saloons shall be admitted to Wauseon will be settled by the voters of the Village and it is up to every voter to go to the polls and register his opinion in regard to the matter. It is for each individual to determine what is best for the greatest number in our community and having reached an honest conviction on this point to put aside personal prejudices and vote in accordance with that conviction. The record of the past six years without saloons in Wauseon is to be taken into consideration.

## WAUSEON CEMETERIES

Burials in Wauseon Cemeteries During 1914—Twelve More Burials Than in 1913—Ages of Deceased.

The following list of persons buried in the cemeteries of Wauseon during the year 1914 was furnished by Sexton Ed. Mikesell. Of the total of 59 burials 56 were made in the Wauseon cemetery, three in St. Caspary's Catholic cemetery.

The oldest person buried during the year was 89 years of age and there were two of these. Nine were 80 years or more. Eight were 70 years or more but under 80. Seventeen were 60 years or more but less than 70. Fourteen were between the ages of 50 and 60. Three were less than 20 years of age and six were infants ranging from 2 years to 12 hours of age.

Name	Date	Age
Ann Quackenbush	Jan. 6	76yrs
Elizabeth Gasche	Jan. 9	89
Leo Tomao	Jan. 16	29
Susan Stevens	Jan. 23	64
Horace B. Ames	Jan. 23	48
Theo. R. Haller	Feb. 13	69
Ed. Mikesell	Feb. 27	80
Elis Miller	Mar. 10	73
Ashland Rose	Mar. 12	12
Mary E. McLain	Mar. 19	73
Korvald B. Fonty	Mar. 26	48
Frank E. Meek	Mar. 30	53
Henry N. Shaffer	Apr. 10	63
Alfreda Clifton	Apr. 12	59
Ernest Blair	Apr. 27	36
Emeline Fetzner	Apr. 27	71
Albert F. Howe	Apr. 30	87
Perry Lawrence	May 6	46
Anna Clark	May 29	28
Truman Stevens	June 2	80
Alice Snyder	June 9	6 da.
Almer Young	June 9	76yrs
Helen Young	June 11	47
Frances Bayes	June 17	52
Della Tedrow	June 20	45
Ralph Fenton	June 21	30
Samuel Dean	July 19	84
Eunice King	July 21	89
Luyette Andrews	July 28	82
Louisa Sherwood	July 29	1 da.

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## GOOD-ROADS SCHOOL WILL BE HELD LAST OF JANUARY

Earth roads, gravel macadam, brick, concrete and bituminous surfaced roads, drainage, culverts and bridges, will be discussed at the third annual road school at the Ohio State University, January 25, to February 6, inclusive. Practical and experienced men of wide reputation have been secured to speak upon these subjects. Many of the subjects will be illustrated with lantern slides. The first week will be devoted to earth, gravel and macadam roads; while the second week will be given up to more permanent types of road construction.

There are no charges nor entrance requirements, whatever, but any one interested in good roads from any point of view is cordially invited to attend for a part or all of the time. Printed programs will be available by January 6, and any one desiring to obtain them may address F. H. Eng, Director of the Road School, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

## COUNCIL MEETING

First Meeting for the Year 1915—Two Councilmen Absent—Sewer Petition, Protests, Appointments of Solicitor, Health Officer and Fire Department Officers.

The first meeting of the Council for the year 1915 was held last Monday evening; two councilmen were absent but there was good attendance of citizens who had some matters to bring to the attention of the council. A petition from residents in the south end of town was presented to the Council asking to have the sanitary sewer of Superior and Main streets taken up and relaid; said sewer having become so filled with tree roots that it fails to carry off the sewage; a number of the southside residents were present to back up their petition with recital of their experience with water in their cellars and their knowledge of the condition of the sewer. The petition was referred to the Sewer Committee for immediate investigation and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. J. Q. Files representing certain property owners on the Hickory, Wood, Third and Mulberry streets improvement and Mr. F. S. Ham representing the Wabash Railroad company were present to protest on behalf of their clients against assessments reported by the latest assessing board on above improvement. Considerable discussion in regard to this improvement was elicited from property owners and attorneys present and it was finally agreed by the Council that the matter should be taken up at an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on Monday evening January 11th, at which time the matter will be adjusted. The Council without taking definite action on the matter, in showing Special also color special on Rhode Island roads.

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## POULTRY SHOW

First Annual Show of The Wauseon Poultry and Pet Stock Association A Great Success—List of Exhibitors and Premiums—Highest Scores.

The officers of the Wauseon Poultry and Pet Stock Association are elated over the outcome of their first annual show and they may well be for while it was not on so large a scale as might be expected in a city or larger town, there were enough exhibits to comfortably fill the floor space in the new Saunders' Building and all the exhibits were of a high order. Then again the show was well patronized and those who visited it were well pleased with what they saw, and last but not least the association find themselves with all bills paid and a nice balance in their treasury. We print herewith a list of exhibitors and their premiums furnished by Secretary Merrill, also the highest scores made at the show. Mr. Frank Marks of this city secured some high marks on his exhibit of S. C. White Leghorns, one pullet scored 95 1/2 another pullet 93 1/2, and a cock bird 94. Following is the list of entries as furnished by the secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of The Clerk of The Incorporated Village of Wauseon For The Year Ending December 31st, 1914.

General Fund	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$ 633.85
Tax Collections	\$1001.74
Licenses	34.00
Interest on deposits	111.93
Total	\$1122.67
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	\$ 1122.67
Councilmen	\$ 258.00
Mayor Salary	50.00
Clerk Salary	50.00
Treasurer Salary	50.00
Solicitor	175.00
Legal Advertising	72.01
Trunkage	17.45
Trustees Public Aff.	144.00
Contingencies	69.94
Total	\$1116.42
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	\$ 641.10
SAFETY FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$ 138.43
Tax Collections	41.84
Expenditures	\$ 112.50
Marshall Salaries	21.00
Police	25.00
Other Police Expenses	49.50
Firemen	136.00
Other Fire Dept. Exp.	115.84
Humane Officer	19.00
Total	\$ 609.17
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	71.10
SERVICE FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$1920.55
Tax Collections	\$767.78
Twp. Trustees for sewer	65.93
Driveways Leggett St.	88.42
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Dirt Sold	18.70
Total	\$2766.33
Expenditures	\$ 2766.33
Street cleaning	971.87
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Sewer & Drains	744.72
Bridges	2.00
Band	280.00
Sidewalk & Crosswalks	472.54
Parks	185.88
Street Cleaning salary	238.49
Contingent	238.49
Total	\$2766.31
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	159.27
HEALTH FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$ 165.84
Tax Collections	\$ 294.56
Twp. Trustees Poor fund	139.46
Bond sale	652.35
Total	\$1086.37
Expenditures	\$1086.37
Health Officers salary	\$ 37.50
Sanitary police	25.00
Quarantine	725.49
Other health expense	55.87
Hospital	100.00
Total	\$1093.84
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	152.57
WATER FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$ 494.09
Meter sales	\$32.00
Water rents	\$678.19
Taxes & Sundry receipts	375.00
Total	\$749.19
Expenditures	\$749.19
Office expenses	\$ 254.35
Employees	2591.74
Fuel & Light	1996.14
Repairs to buildings	15.95
Repairs to machinery	58.51
Other operating expense	330.41
Meters & Old meter acct.	894.90
Cleaning & repairs	271.59
Contingent	12.92
New mains & extensions	797.97
Total	\$7297.11
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	749.17
SINKING FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$2414.25
Tax collections	\$18,285.76
Interest on investments	121.13
Interest on deposits	55.95
Transfers	375.72
Accrued interest	63.45
Premiums on bonds	125.73
Loans paid	2,550.00
Loan	86.00
Total	\$18,494.59
Expenditures	\$18,494.59
Redemption of bonds	\$18,494.59
Interest on bonds	1,571.97
Office expense	65.90
Interest on investments	87.68
Bond purchased and accrued int.	652.35
Total	\$19,781.59
December 31st, 1914, Balance on hand	1,067.25
INVESTMENT FUND	
Receipts	Expenditures
January 1st, 1914, Cash on hand	\$20,818.75
Investments made during year	\$3550.00
Investment paid during year	650.00
Investment on hand	650.00
Total	\$20,818.75
BONDS	
Receipts	Expenditures
December 31st, 1914, Water Works bonds outstanding	\$35,000.04
Special Assessment	\$6,122.14
Total bonds outstanding	\$41,122.18
Bonds redeemed during year	\$15,604.50
Bonds issued	15,432.22
Net increase of bonds	4,927.72

## WHY NOT DO SOMETHING PRACTICAL

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